

# Case Study – Modeling Longevity Risk for Solvency II

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# Background

- **SOLVENCY II** – New Minimum Capital Requirements
  - Standard Formula - Stipulated Methodology
  - Internal Model ... *may produce smaller amount*
- Internal Models Current Focus on Market Risks
  - Capture Asset Volatility including Asset-Related Liability Risks
- Fifth Quantitative Impact Study (QIS5)
  - Issued by EIOPA (*European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority*)
  - Analysis in advance of implementation of Solvency II in 2011
  - Identified Most Material Risk Modules for Life Undertakings:
    - After **Market Risk**, the next most material risk is:  
**Life Underwriting Risk (Lapse and Longevity)**

# Solvency II Capital

- **Two Approaches:**

- Standard Formula - Stipulated Methodology

- Internal Model – *must satisfy certain standards:*

- Widely used and plays important role in decision-making
- Sufficiently sophisticated to support standards of statistical quality
- Calibrated to external and internal trends and volatility
- Back-tested to demonstrate sources of profit and loss
- Validated regularly against results
- Sufficient documentation including limits and deficiencies

## Goals of this Presentation

- Demonstrate Advantages of Internal Model Using Volatile Mortality
  - Potential reduction in Required Capital
  - Better Understanding of Capital Requirements

This will be accomplished by a relatively simple case study...

The case study can be found at

<http://www.milliman.com/expertise/life-financial/products-tools/reveal/pdfs/modelling-longevity-risk.pdf>

# Case Study

- Calculate Required Capital for Liabilities
- Ignore Market Risk
- Model Sample Portfolio
- Calculate Minimum Required Assets Under Solvency II as Sum of:
  1. Best Estimate Liability
  2. Solvency Risk Requirement (SCR) → 1-in-200-year event  
(99.5<sup>th</sup> Percentile) 
  3. Risk Margin
- Used proprietary modeling software, Milliman REVEAL...

**REVEAL** stands for:

**R**isk and **E**conomic **V**olatility **E**valuation of **A**nnuitant **L**ongevity

REVEAL is a system developed to analyze longevity risk.

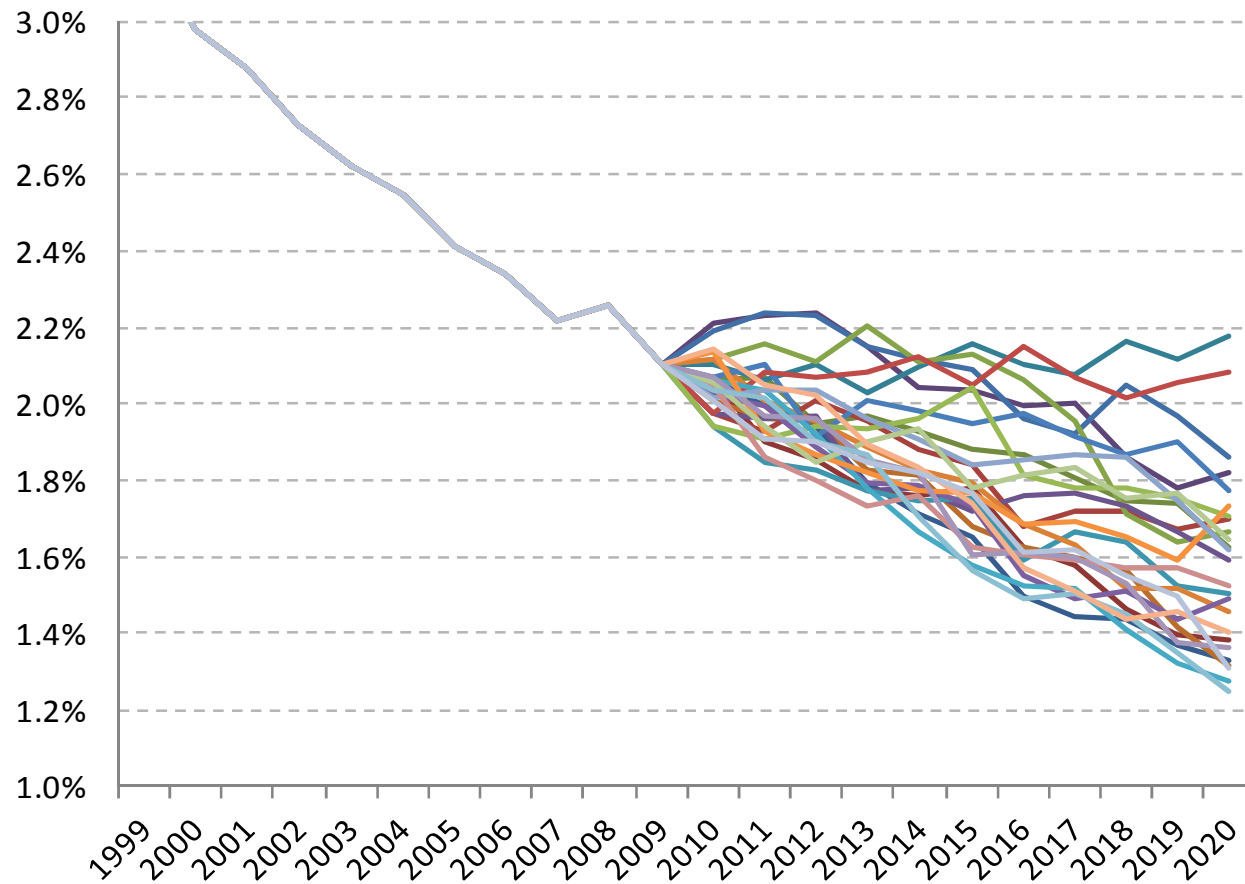
Stochastic model for pension & annuity liabilities with volatility:

- baseline mortality,
- mortality improvement,
- extreme mortality and longevity events, and
- plan participant behavior (e.g., retirement dates & benefit elections)

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## Historical and Projected General Population Annual Mortality Rate (Male 70 years old, 25 scenarios)



# Modeling Mortality Rate Volatility

1. Mortality improvement may be modeled as a combination of:
  - Long-term waves with lingering effects over multiple years, and
  - Random annual fluctuations.
2. May group ages to minimize offsetting fluctuations across model population
3. May designate random probability of the contingency of a significant long-term shift by specific cause of death related deaths (e.g., infection or cure)
4. May assign random probability of short-term mortality spike (e.g., epidemic or terrorism)



# Modeling Mortality Rate Volatility

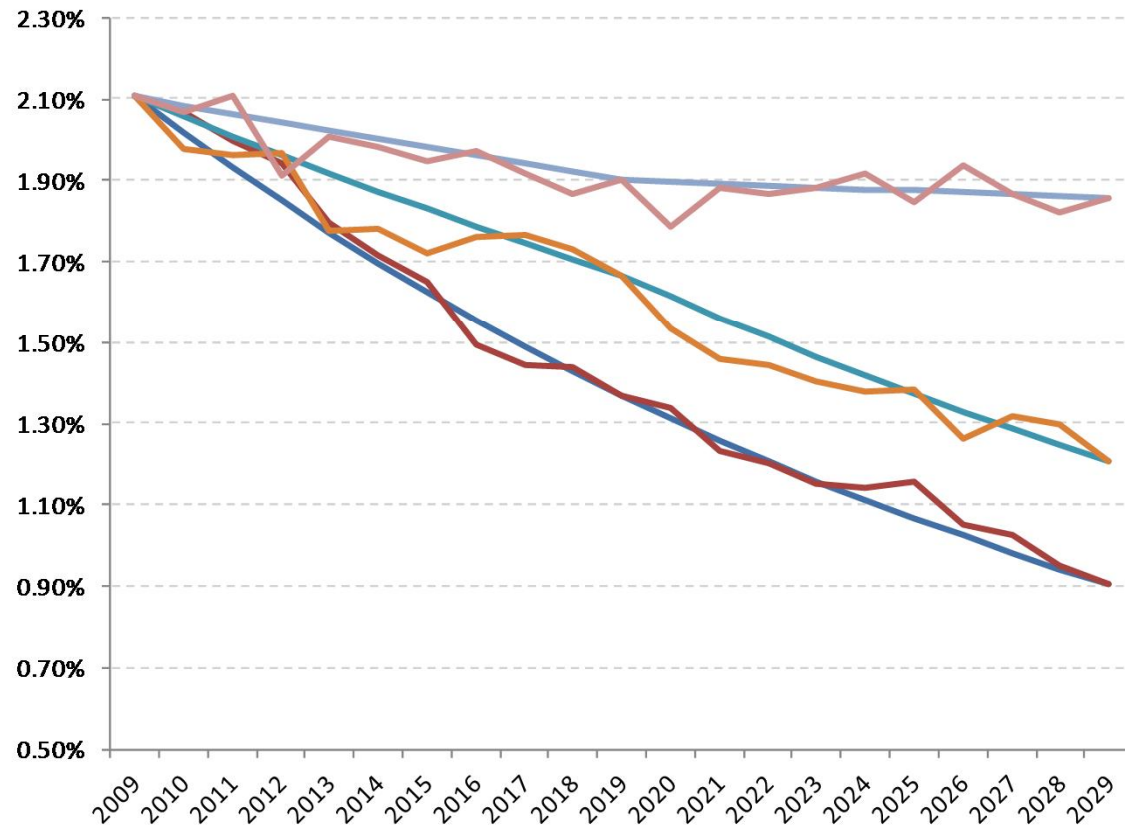
## Long-Term Waves and Short-Term Fluctuations

1. Long-Term: Develop random average annualized mortality improvement factor for each  $T$ -year period.  
*(e.g.,  $T$  is 10 years in case study.)*
2. Short-Term: Develop random annual mortality improvement factor for each year that fluctuate around the random annualized long-term improvement factor for each  $T$ -year period.

# Modeling Mortality Rate Volatility

Sample Projection of Long-Term Trend and Short-Term Volatility

Projected General Population Mortality Rates Based on Historical Annual and Long Term Mortality Improvements  
(Male 70 years old, 3 Scenarios)



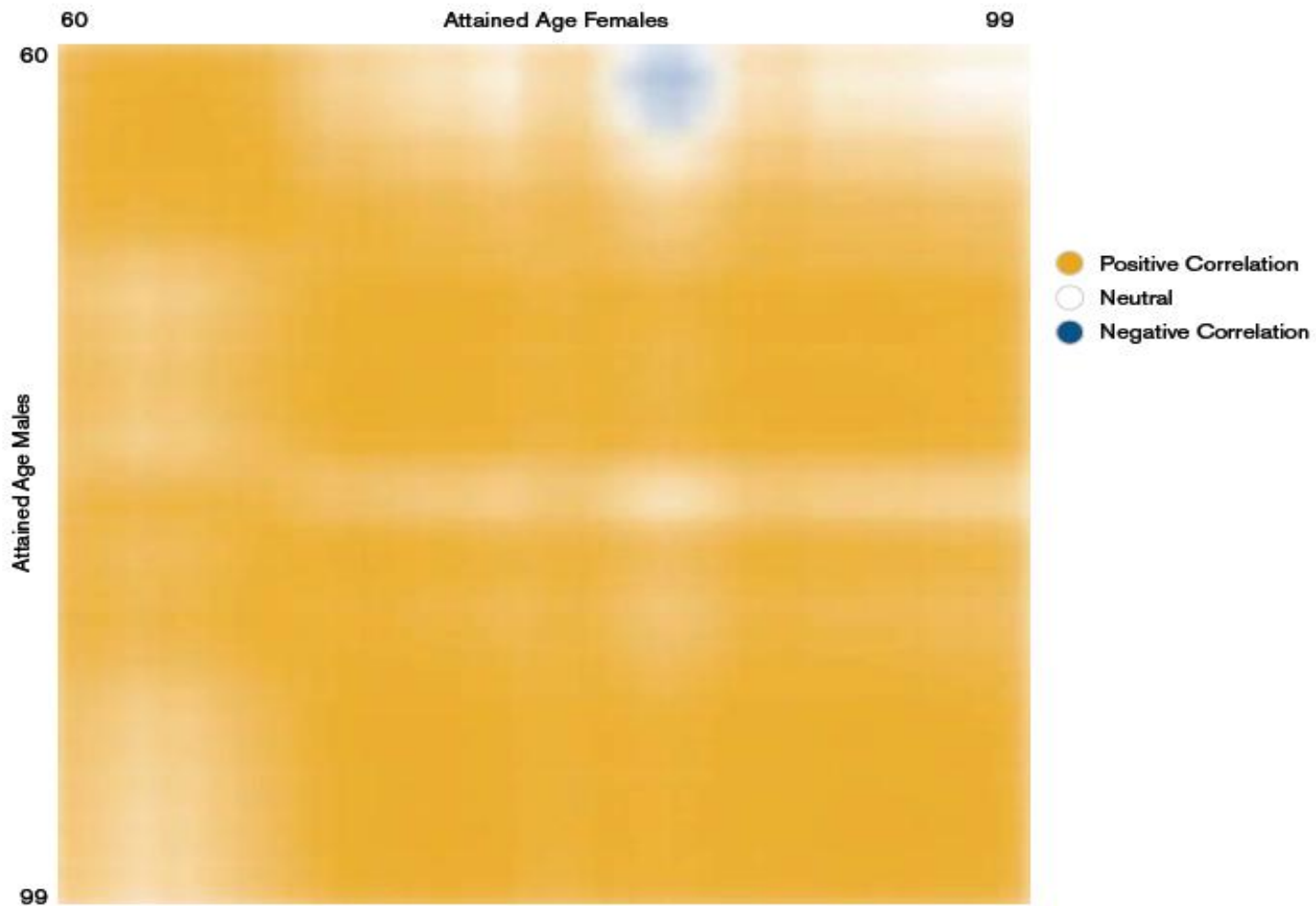
# Modeling Mortality Rate Volatility

## Calibration to Historical Results

- Calibrate the model, in this case, using moment fitting approach:
- The stochastic mortality model is calibrated such as:
  1. The expected value of the projected improvements matches with the average historical improvements (or current expectation);
  2. The volatility of the long term improvement component as well as the short term improvement component match with the historical volatility (or current expectation);
  3. The long term and short term correlation match with the historical correlation (or current expectation).

# Modeling Mortality Rate Volatility

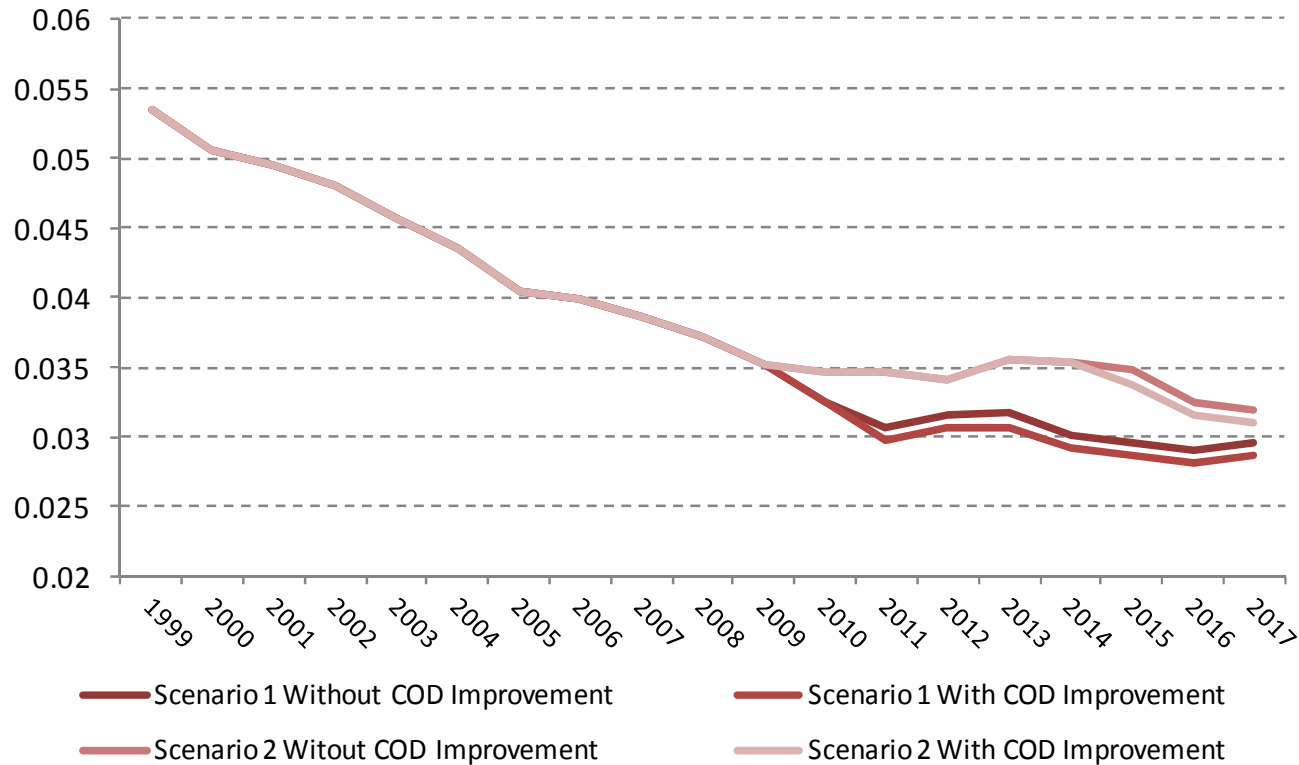
Historical Long-Term Mortality Improvement Correlation, UK population



# Modeling Mortality Rate Volatility

## Projecting Improvement by Specified Cause of Death

Historical and Projected General Population Annual Mortality Rate  
(75 year old UK Male, 2 scenarios with and without a 10% cancer  
improvement)



## The Hypothetical Portfolio

*“The Hypothetical Portfolio was designed to:*

*...be consistent with a typical block of in payment annuities held by an insurer.*

*...be sufficiently large to minimize random ‘basis’ volatility,*

*...highlight the effect of other volatility factors.”*

# Assumptions

- Valuation Date 12/31/2010
- Hypothetical Portfolio of 50,000 in-payment annuities
- Husband Age = Wife Age + 3
- 50% Benefit to Surviving Spouse
- Annualized Benefits Increase 5% Each Year
- Quarterly Payments
- Discount Interest at the 12/31/2009 Spot Rates

# Assumptions

- **Best Estimate Mortality (before improvement):**
  - 90% of the PCMA00 and PCFA00
    - PCMA00 & PCFA00 tables in the CMI Library are described:  
“Life Office Pensioners, Combined, amounts – ultimate”*
- **Best Estimate Mortality Improvement:**
  - **Male:** CMI 2010 projection model,  
with a long term rate of 1.2% p.a., applied from 2000 onwards.
  - **Female:** CMI 2010 projection model,  
with a long term rate of 0.9% p.a., applied from 2000 onwards.



# Distribution of Hypothetical Portfolio 1

*by Annualized Benefit Amount*

Measuring Life	
Primary Annuitant	55%
Spouse (Widow/Widower)	45%

Gender of Measuring Life	
Male	55%
Female	45%

Annual Benefits	
Indexed to CPI	84%
Fixed	16%

Annualized Benefit Amount	
< 1,000	13%
1,000 – 4,999	22%
5,000 – 9,999	21%
10,000 – 19,999	7%
20,000 – 29,999	1%
30,000 +	2%

## Distribution of Hypothetical Portfolio 2

*by Annualized Benefit Amount*

<b>Age of Measuring Life</b>	
<i>Measuring Life Age Group</i>	
Ages 60-64	13%
Ages 65-69	22%
Ages 70-74	21%
Ages 75-79	19%
Ages 80-84	14%
Ages 85-89	7%
Ages 90-94	2%
Ages 95-99	1%

<b>Benefits Currently Paid to Joint-Life or Surviving Spouse</b>	
<i>Measuring Life Age Group</i>	
Ages 60-64	92%
Ages 65-69	89%
Ages 70-74	84%
Ages 75-79	79%
Ages 80-84	74%
Ages 85-89	61%
Ages 90-94	47%
Ages 95-99	29%

# Plan of Action – Values to Calculate



## Best Estimate Liability

- Present Value of Expected Annuity Cash Flows,  
*(Estimated using average of stochastic projections on expected mortality)*
- Discounted using Risk-Free Spot Rates  
with 100% allowance for illiquidity premium.

## Best Estimate Liability

$ia_t$  = Annual Spot Rate from Risk-Free Curve with 100% allowance for illiquidity premium.

$BECF_t$  = Average annual annuity payments projected to be paid in year (e.g., best estimate cash flow)

$BEL_0$  = Best Estimate Liability at time zero

$$= \sum_{t=0,1,2,\dots} \frac{BECF_t}{(1 + ia_t)^t}$$

= 1,725.5 million

$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

## Standard Formula

Use Immediate & permanent 20% improvement in mortality rates.  
(i.e., *Best Estimate Mortality multiplied by 80% in all years*)

SCR = excess of

(a) Standard Formula Liability

(Present value of cash flows reflecting the 20% margin),

over

(b) the Best Estimate Liability,

(discounted to Valuation Date using the spot curves  
with 100% allowance for the illiquidity premium.)

$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

## Standard Formula:

## Solvency Capital Requirement

$$SFCF_t$$

=

Avg annual annuity payments projected  
(Using the Standard Formula Mortality  
Assumption) to be paid in year.

Standard Formula  
Liability

=

$$\sum_{t=0,1,2,\dots} \frac{SFCF_t}{(1 + ia_t)^t}$$

$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

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## Standard Formula: Solvency Capital Requirement

$$\begin{aligned} SCR_0^{StdForm} &= \text{Solvency Capital Requirement} \\ &= \text{Standard Formula Liability less } BEL_0 \\ &= 1,884.1 \text{ million} - 1,725.5 \text{ million} \\ &= 158.6 \text{ million} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 BEL_0 &= 1,725.5 \text{ million} \\
 SCR_0^{StdForm} &= 158.6 \text{ million}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Standard Formula:

Risk Margin

Range of Formulations under QIS5, including:

*Amortize SCR proportional to Best Estimate Liability annuity cash flows:*

$$SCR_t^{StdForm} = \text{Amortized Solvency Capital Requirement}$$

$$= SCR_{t-1}^{StdForm} * \frac{BECF_t}{BECF_{t-1}}$$

$$iz_t = \text{Annual Spot Rate from Risk-Free Curve with 0\% allowance for illiquidity premium}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 BEL_0 &= 1,725.5 \text{ million} \\
 SCR_0^{StdForm} &= 158.6 \text{ million}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Standard Formula:

Risk Margin

$Risk\ Margin_0^{StdForm}$  = 6% (i.e., proxy for cost of capital)  
 of PV of future amortized  $SCR_t$  rates,  
 discounted at risk-free rates

$$= 6\% * \sum_{t=0,1,2,\dots} \frac{SCR_t^{StdForm}}{(1 + iz_t)^t}$$

$$= 181.0 \text{ million}$$

$BEL_0$	=	1,725.5 million
$SCR_0^{StdForm}$	=	158.6 million
$Risk\ Margin_0^{StdForm}$	=	181.0 million

## Standard Formula:

Excess Over Best Estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
 ExBEL_0^{StdForm} &= \text{Standard Formula SCR} \\
 &\quad + \text{Standard Formula Risk Margin} \\
 &= 339.6 \text{ million}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Standard Formula:

## Summary

$$SCR_0^{StdForm} = 158.6 \text{ million}$$

$$Risk\ Margin_0^{StdForm} = 181.0 \text{ million}$$

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$$ExBEL_0^{StdForm} = 339.6 \text{ million}$$

$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

# Standard Formula Summary



# Modeling Stochastic Mortality

The stochastic projections reflect three sources of volatility:

1. Randomized Dates of Death

*Monte Carlo Simulation applied to Scenario-Specific Mortality*

2. Future Mortality Improvement Trend Volatility

Analysis of historical population mortality (e.g., UK 1979-2009) to create stochastic mortality improvement scenarios reproducing historic mean, standard deviation, and correlation over annual and adjacent longer-term (e.g., 10-year) periods

3. Potential Extreme Longevity Occurrences

Risk of immediate long-term change for specific cause of death (e.g., a new highly effective treatment for cancer)

$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

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## Principle-Based Economic Calculation

The Economic Capital Approach was performed two ways:

- Volatility Assumptions A

volatility in the mortality curve based solely on historical mortality improvement trends, and

- Volatility Assumptions B

volatility in the mortality curve based on **both** historical mortality improvement trends and the possibility of a significant reduction in cancer related deaths.

$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

## Principle-Based Economic Calculation

10,000 Scenarios for 50,000-Life Portfolio

The 99.5<sup>th</sup> Percentile of PV Future Annuity Cash Flows:

		<i>ExBEL<sub>0</sub></i>
<i>Standard Formula</i>	=	339.6 million
<i>Econ Model Vol A</i>	=	183.5 million
<i>Econ Model Vol B</i>	=	190.8 million



$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

## Internal Model Approach

*For Each Scenario:*

1. Generate stochastic mortality improvement for first duration, and
2. Set the mortality improvement in years 2+ to:
  - reflecting simulated mortality improvement experience over the first year,
  - given a credibility factor of 10%.

$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

## Internal Model Approach

$$\Delta q_{x,t} = \text{Expected annual rate of mortality improvement at attained age, duration } t$$

$$Q_x^{\text{scale}}(0) = \text{Stochastic adjustment to mortality improvement at attained age } x, \text{ duration } 0$$

$$\Delta q_{x,t}^{\text{new}} = \text{Expected annual rate of mortality improvement at attained age } x, \text{ duration } t, \text{ reflecting duration } 0 \text{ stochastic improvement}$$

$$= 1 - (1 - \Delta q_{x,t}) * Q_x^{\text{scale}}(0)$$

$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

## Internal Model Approach

$c$  = Credibility assigned to stochastic mortality improvement simulated in the first duration

$\Delta q_{x,t}^{Sol2}$  = Assumed annual rate of mort improvement at attained age  $x$ , duration  $t$  ( $t = 1, 2, \dots$ ) adjusted to reflect credibility of duration 0 stochastic improvement

$$= (1 - c) * \Delta q_{x,t} + c * \Delta q_{x,t}^{new}$$

**Note:** If credibility  $c$  equals zero, then the Assumed Improvement equals Best Estimate Expected Improvement. (The Case Study assumed  $c=10\%$ )

$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

## Internal Model Approach

Our understanding of *regulator-approved internal model* under Solvency II :

Economic capital reflects once-in-200-years event

$$\text{Internal Model SCR} = \text{VaR}_{99.5\%} \left( \frac{BEL_1}{(1+i(1))} + \sum_{0 < t \leq 1} \frac{CF_t}{(1+i(t))^t} \right) - BEL_0, \text{ where}$$

$\text{VaR}_{99.5\%}(x)$  = 99.5% percentile of a random variable  $x$

$BEL_1$  = Best Estimate Liability at Time  $t=1$   
*Using altered mortality expectation reflecting  
credibility of “simulated” experience from  $t=0$  to  $t=1$*

$$BEL_0 = 1,725.5 \text{ million}$$

## Internal Model Approach

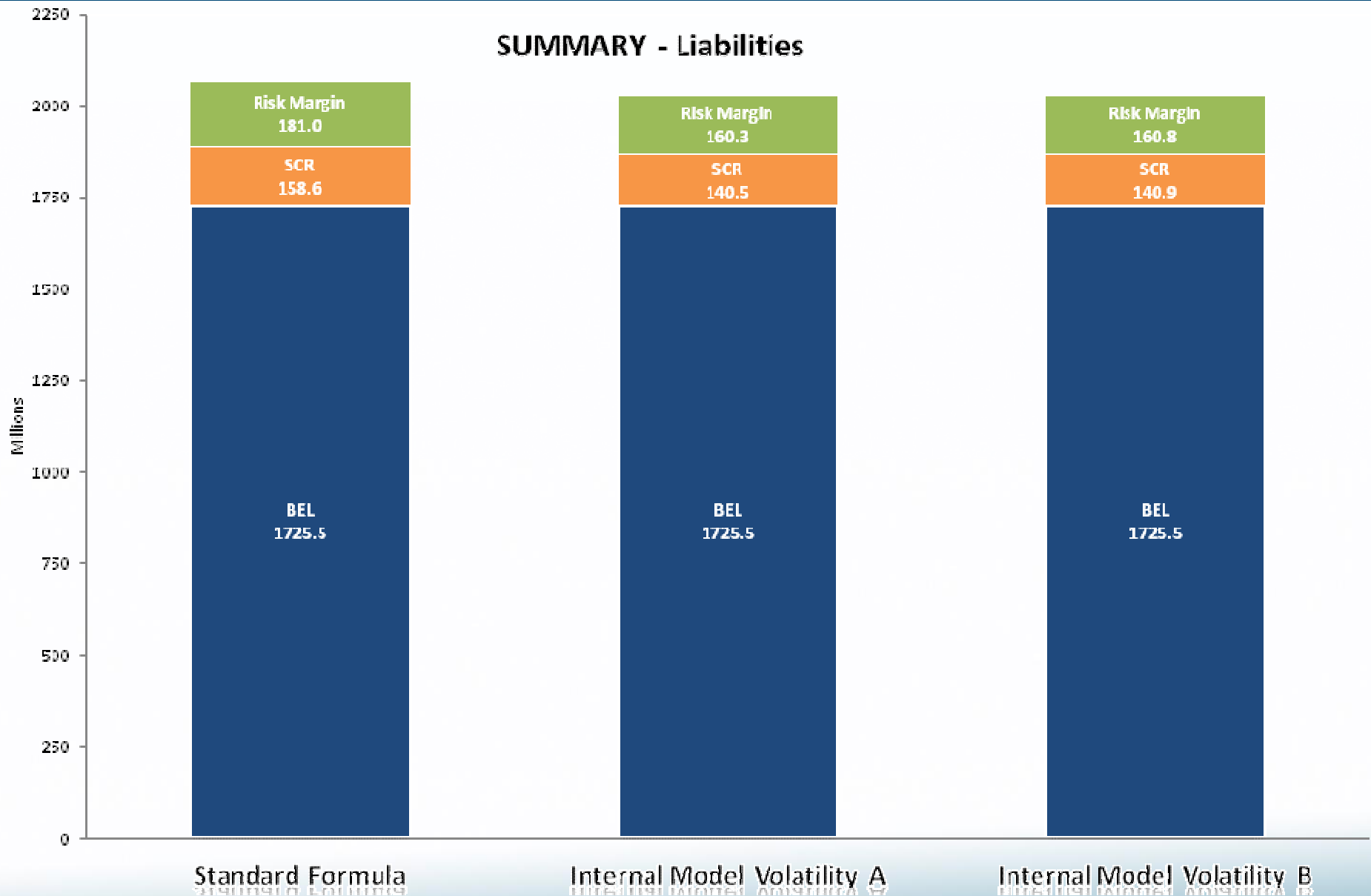
	Volatility Assumptions A	Volatility Assumptions B
$SCR_0^{IntModel}$	= 140.5 million	140.9 million
$Risk\ Margin_0^{IntModel}$	= 160.3 million	160.8 million
$ExBEL_0^{IntModel}$	= 300.8 million	301.8 million

## Comparison:

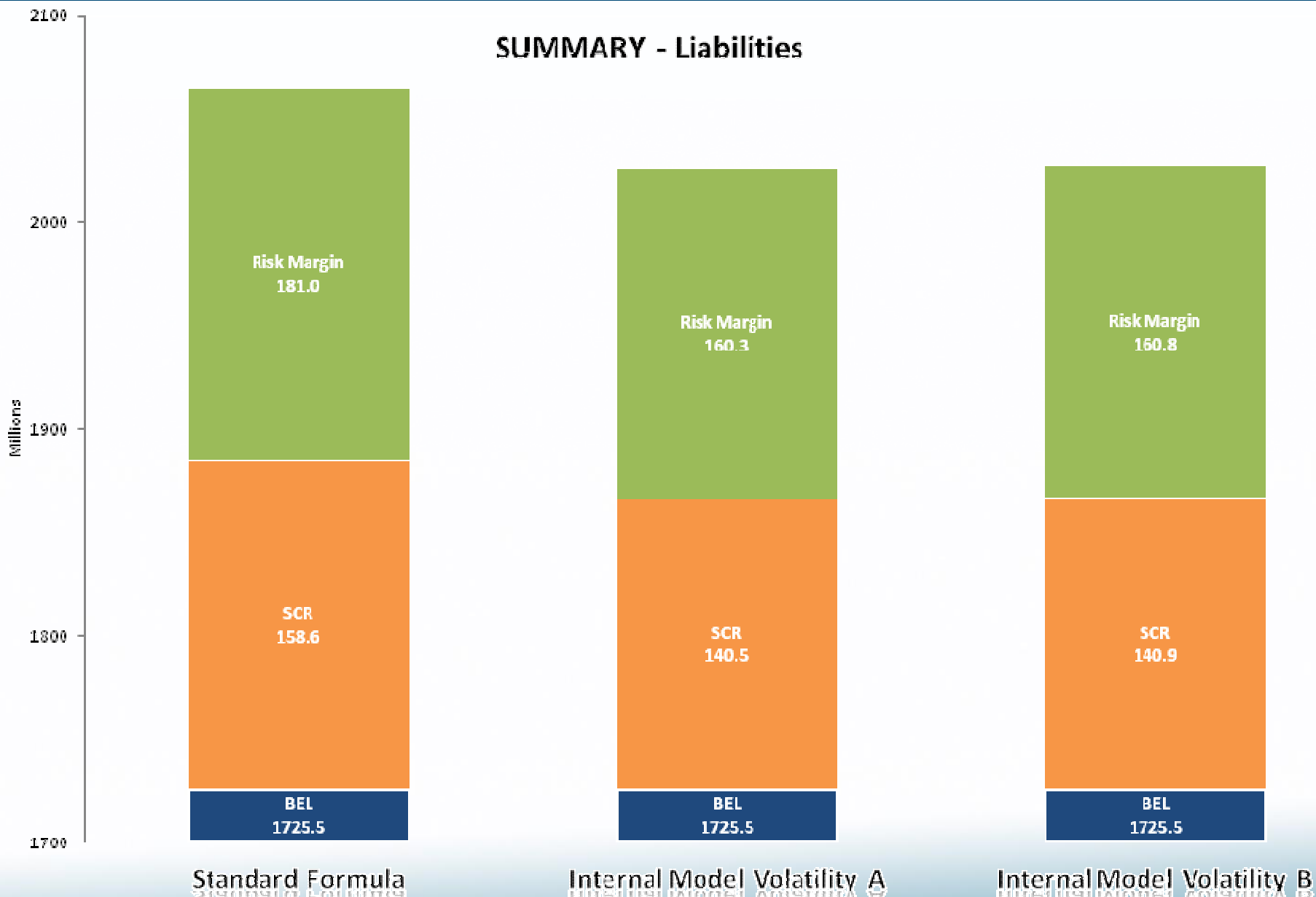
## Summary

	<b>Standard Formula</b>	<b>Internal Model Volatility A</b>	<b>Internal Model Volatility B</b>
<i>SCR<sub>0</sub></i>	158.6 million	140.5 million	140.9 million
<i>Risk Margin<sub>0</sub></i>	181.0 million	160.3 million	160.8 million
<i>ExBEL<sub>0</sub></i>	339.6 million	300.8 million	301.8 million
<i>BEL<sub>0</sub></i>	1,725.5 million	1,725.5 million	1,725.5 million

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## Solvency II Capital:

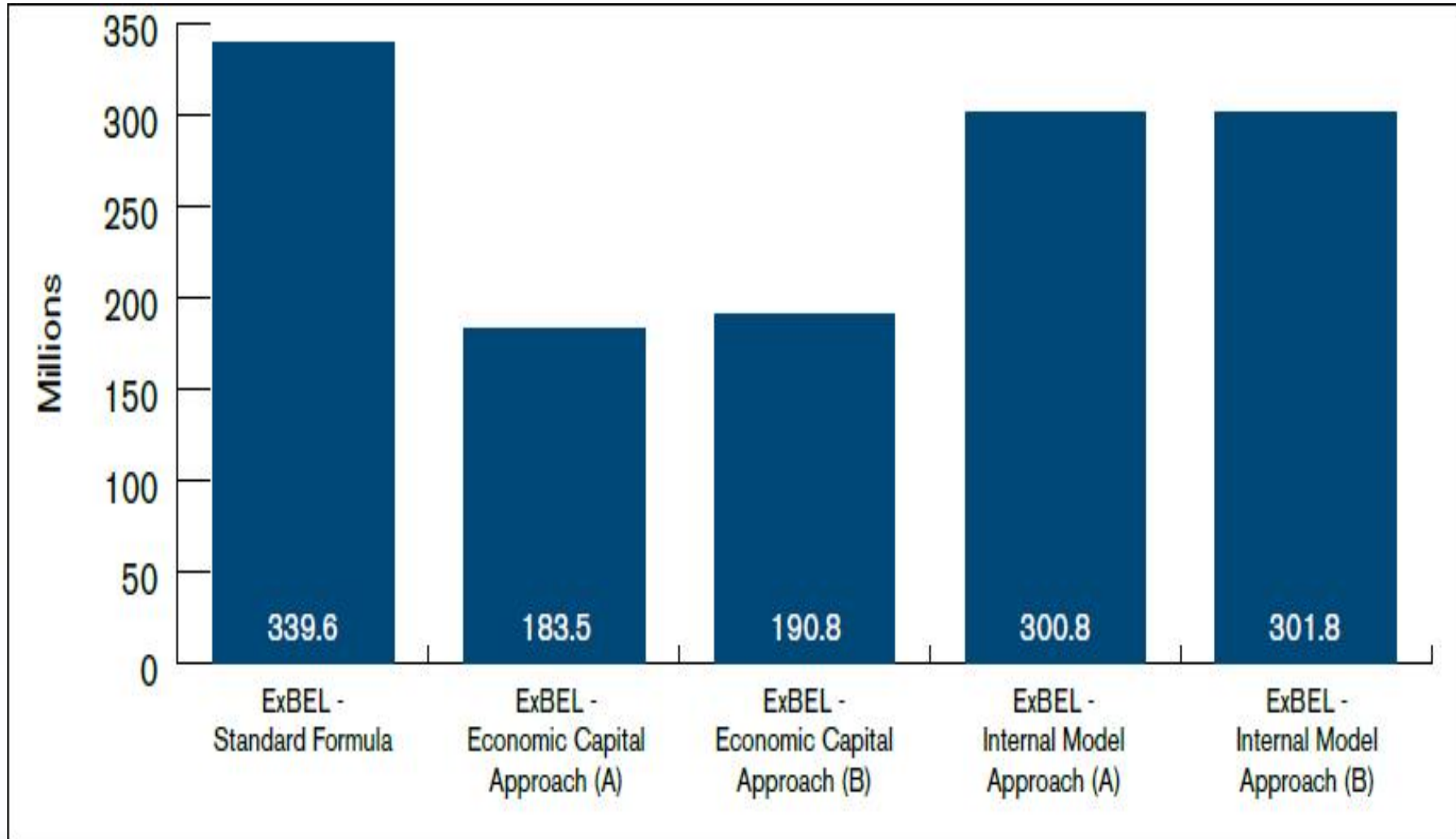
## Internal Model Savings

	<b>Standard Formula</b>	<b>Reduction Under Internal Model Volatility A</b>	<b>Reduction Under Internal Model Volatility B</b>
<i>SCR<sub>0</sub></i>	158.6 million	18.1 million	17.7 million
<i>Risk Margin<sub>0</sub></i>	181.0 million	20.7 million	20.2 million
<i>ExBEL</i>	339.6 million	38.8 million	37.0 million
<i>BEL</i>	1,725.5 million	0 million	0 million

# Components of Total Assets Requirement (TAR)



# Summary – Excess Over Best Estimate Liability



# Take-Aways

1. Internal Model may produce capital savings for Longevity Risk (relative to Standard Formula)
2. Internal Model may still produce higher capital costs than a principle-based economic calculation
3. Possible advantage of financial transactions to move longevity risk to more favorable regulatory environment.

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